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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This reply is to the Restriction Requirement mailed
June 10, 2004, setting a one (1) month statutory period for
response.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-20 are pending in the instant application. The pending claims have been subjected to a restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

Group I, claims 1, 2, 4-14, 19 and 20, drawn to a compound targeted to a nucleic acid encoding MHC class II transactivator, classified in class 536, subclass 24.5.

Group II, claims 15-18, drawn to a method of inhibiting the expression of MHC class II transactivator, classified in class 514, subclass 44.

The Examiner suggests that Groups I and II are related as a product and process of use. It is further suggested that the compound of Group I may be used in a materially different method than the methods of Group II, for example the compound can be used as a primer in a method of amplification.

Applicants respectfully traverse this restriction requirement.

In accordance with MPEP § 803, there are two criteria which must be met for a proper restriction requirement. The first is that the inventions be independent or distinct; the second is that there would be serious burden on the Examiner if the restriction is not required.

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In the present invention, claims 1, 2, 4-14, 19 and 20 (group I) are drawn to a compound targeted to a nucleic acid molecule encoding MHC class II transactivator, wherein the compound specifically hybridizes with said nucleic acid molecule and inhibits the expression of MHC class II transactivator. Group II (claims 15-18) is drawn to a method of inhibiting the expression of MHC class II transactivator by contacting cells with the compound of Group I. Furthermore, claims 15-18 are dependent claims upon claim 1.

Accordingly, since this restriction requirement does not meet both criteria required under MPEP §803 to be proper, withdrawal of this restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

However, in an earnest effort to further facilitate prosecution, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1, 2, 4-14, 19 and

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20, drawn to a compound targeted to a nucleic acid encoding MHC class II transactivator, with traverse.

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